

Meetings: AT the Tasmanian Environmental Centre, corner of Bathurst and Criterion Streets, at 7.45p.m.

Agenda.

May 19. Speakers. Mr. K. Harris-Research trawlers in the Arctic and Mr. J. Berry- The Sahara Desert.

June 4. Outing to Mt. Canopus (Mt. Rumney) Observatory, weather permitting. Time- 6p.m. A follow up to the September (1976) outing, when Dr. M.D. Waterworth offered members a night at the Observatory. Those wishing to travel by daylight meet at the Prince Theatre at 3p.m. and bring a picnic tea.
Dr. Waterworth will meet us at the Observatory at 6p.m.

June 14. The Canine Defence League, together with the Tasmanian Wilderness Society, will be showing a 20 minute colour film on the Hart Seal Slaughter. Location- Old Hutchins School, 118 Macquarie St. 8pm.

June 16. Speaker: Prof. Carey of the University of Tasmania, "Continental Drift".

June 18. Outing to Eaglehawk Neck, Tessellated Pavement and geology of surrounding area.
Leader: Mr. J. Berry. Leave Prince Theatre at 10 a.m.

July 21. Speaker: Dr. Guiler-Problems in managing National Parks in Africa.

July 23. Outing to "Orana", Roaches Beach. The Guides will be camping and using all the facilities, but we have permission to visit. We hope the tawny frogmouth will be sleeping there as usual; and our lists of birds shells, etc. should help Guiding as well as Field Nats. Meet at the Prince Theatre at 10 a.m.
Leader: Mrs. M. Wall.

Aug. 18. Members' Night.

Sept. 21. Speaker: Dr. J.B. Kirkpatrick- Alpine Vegetation of the Eastern Arthurs.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF THE T.F.N.C.

Section 3(a) of the T.F.N.C. states that "the Roll of Life Members shall at no time exceed eight." With the recent election of Mr. L.Wall, Mr. K.Aves and Mrs. J. Luckman we now have a total of seven Honorary Life Members. The other four being Mr.M. Sharland, Mr.R. Ellis, Mr. A. Brownell and Mr. H.F. Sargison.

Report on the Easter Camp: BY Miss Barbara Greenstreet.

The Easter camp this year was one with a difference, swapping our sleeping bags and billies for the luxury of Motel accommodation, and with members of the Tasmanian Conservation Trust exploring the Smithton area.

We had a quick look at Stanley (which treated us to a gale) on the way up. The following two days we were escorted to points of interest by local T.C.T.members, whose knowledge of the district added a great deal to our enjoyment. Visiting first a new reserve at Trowutta, and a sink-hole or collapsed cave, then to the delightful, ferny rainforest "Milkshakes" reserve. The steep climb up the hill behind this Forestry Reserve was rewarded with a fine view of the North West corner of the State. Crossing the Arthur River and on to another Forestry Reserve we arrived at Lake Chisholm at dusk. As it is not fed by a stream this lake, the only natural one in the area, is probably the result of natural drainage and the saucer-like shape of the land. An attractive spot, the charm of which was enhanced by the sight of two platypus swimming.

On Sunday, after viewing Smithton from the Lookout, the Spring Mounds, which were mentioned by Dr. Murray at the May meeting, were pointed out to us. Then we explored part of the Blackwood Forest of Dismal Swamp. Lunch at Greens Point, Marrawah, with distant views of Mt. Cameron West, was followed by a visit to the windswept middens of West Point. Here our escorts had to leave us whilst we continued as far as the mouth of the Arthur River. On our return that evening we called briefly on the Burnie Field Naturalists who were camped at Marrawah. The "Southerners" were left to their own devices on the Monday and these included a visit to the mud flats at the mouth of the Montagu River, and a look "over the fence" at the V.D.L. Co. land, a potter along the beach at Stoney Point, and a trip to Dip Falls. The Circular Head Branch of the T.C.T. had arranged their meeting for that evening on our behalf, and among the local members attending was the gentleman who had discovered the bones of the extinct wallaby of which Dr. Murray spoke.

The whole camp was an easy going, but very rewarding affair, our thanks to the T.C.T., and Pat Wessing for arranging it.

EAST RISDON FLORA RESERVE.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (Magnet Court) will be undertaking some experimental work in the above Reserve in the near future. It is intended to clear some of the *Cassytha* from the young *Eucalyptus morrisbyi* in the Reserve. *E. morrisbyi* seedlings raised from seed collected in the Reserve last year, will be planted in an area in the gully to the south of the present stand, in an effort to establish a second stand of this species.

LIENA BUSH SHACK FOR HIRE.

This is a very nice shack and could be the starting point for trips into the Walls of Jerusalem, or to Lake Mackenzie or Lake Rowallan, etc.

It could be used by members either for private trips or for scheduled T.F.N.C. outings. The cost is 60¢ per person a night. For further information contact:

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At the Annual General Meeting held on 17th. of March, the following candidates were elected to office.

President - Mr. G. Van Munster.

Vice Pres. - Mr. M. Hurburgh, and Mr. K. Harris.

Hon. Sec. - Mr. J. BERRY.

Ass. Sec. - Mrs. T. Stephens.

Hon. Treas. - Miss M. Westbrook.

Committee.

Mrs. M. McDonald - Librarian.

Mrs. M. Wall - Outings Organiser.

Miss E. Mitchell.

Miss D. Wise.

Mr. R. Shepherd.

Mr. A. Hepworth.

F.F.N.C. Rep. Mr. K. Harris.

Ed. TAS. NATURALIST. Mr. R. Shepherd.

Auditor - Miss R. Warren.

Since Cook's 1770 expeditions a larger number of Australian mammals have been given approximations of an aboriginal dialect name or description. Koala, wombat, dingo, wawwaby. The West Australians have been foremost in recent moves to extend the use of aboriginal names especially for the smaller mammals, including "mundarda" for the western pygmy possum; "noolbenger", for the attractive little honey possum and "quedda" for the short-nosed bandycoot. In fact the word "bandicoot" is a foreigner, derived from an Indian word "bandi-kooku" literally "pig-rat" for a large rodent of India and Ceylon.

New Members:

We welcome the following new members to the Club.
Miss Frances Wilders. Flat 3 29 William St. W. Hobart.
Mr. Grant Musgrove. Flat 1, # Richardson Ave. Dynnyrne.
Mrs. S zanne Torok. 179 Bligh St. Warrane.

DRAWINGS:

MR. Ken Harris would like to hear from anyone interested in preparing drawings for the Young Naturalist series of Booklets.

ROCK ENGRAVING RECORDING.

A method of recording rock engravings using black and white photographs together with transparent plastic sheeting has recently been developed by John Cleggy of the University of Sydney. The outline of the engraving is traced onto the plastic using alcohol based ink markers. The tracing and scale are then photographed against a white background. For further information please contact Jim Stockton, National Parks and Wildlife Service. P.O. Box 210 Sandy Bay 7005.
